

## **Rio Rancho Public Schools (RRPS) General Information**

### Administrative Offices

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<http://www.rrps.net/>

### **Find your School**

Rio Rancho Public Schools has a boundary map you can use to determine your child's school. The maps can be found at

[https://www.rrps.net/district/about\\_our\\_district/school\\_locations\\_and\\_attendance\\_boundaries/school\\_boundary\\_maps](https://www.rrps.net/district/about_our_district/school_locations_and_attendance_boundaries/school_boundary_maps)

### **Registration Information**

If you are registering your child(ren) for the first time, you must bring with you when you register your child:

- Original birth certificate
- Court documents pertaining to guardianship, if applicable
- Copy of student's current Individualized Education Plan (IEP), if applicable
- Immunization records
- Students enrolling in kindergarten must be five years of age on or before August 31st.
- Social Security number (requested, but not required)
- Proof of residency (current utility bill, rent receipt or purchase agreement)
- Transcripts (high school)

### **RRPS Transfers to non-home school**

Students who live within the attendance area for a school get first priority to attend that school. If a school **does not** fill up, additional students may transfer into that school. RRPS will approve transfers only if a school has space for new students.

### **Transfer request guidelines:**

Transfer requests can be submitted by a parent. You will need to complete the required transfer request form; transfer information and the form can be found on the Rio Rancho Public Schools website- [www.rrps.net](http://www.rrps.net). Go to the department page, then to the student services page and the link is listed there. You can also contact the Transfer Office at (505) 896-0667. The process for transfer requests for the next school year begins on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Students must be registered at their home school for new transfers.

### **Transfer Priorities**

1. First priority transfers (also known as second priority students) are students enrolled in a school ranked as a school that needs improvement or a school subject to corrective action.

2. Second priority transfers (third priority students) are students who have attended RRPS during the previous year. The principal may use the following factors in determining priority within this group:
  - Children of RRPs employees
  - Siblings of students already attending RRPS
  - Child care for siblings of students attending RRPS
  - After school care for students
  - Extreme hardship
  - Student safety
3. Third priority transfers (fourth priority students) are all other student transfer requests

### Waiting Lists

If a transfer request cannot be approved for any of the requested schools, each school will establish a **waiting list** for that school year. If space becomes available at a school, students on the waiting list will be offered enrollment based on the student's priority category and the order placed on the waiting list.

### Approved Transfers

As soon as you receive a transfer approval, please contact your new school to find out when the student can complete the registration process.

### **Delayed Openings, Cancellation & Early Dismissal**

New Mexico schools' delayed openings are called 2-hour delays. School starts two hours after the normal start time and is released at the normal time (on Wednesday, elementary school will release at the regular non-early release time). Early dismissal is when schools are released prior to the regular end of day time. Delayed opening decisions will be made and announced before 0600 and aired on all local news channels and the RRPS website. School Cancellations announcements will be made by 0900.

### **AVID- Advancement via Individual Determination**

AVID is a world-wide program currently in place in Rio Rancho Public Schools. This program provides support to students who qualify to succeed in college prep classes in preparation for entrance into accredited 4 year colleges.

## Graduation Requirements

Rio Rancho offers two diploma options to students, a standard diploma and a Diploma of Distinction. The Diploma of Distinctions requires at least 2 Advanced Placement credits and a 3.0 GPA. It is a NM state requirement that students must pass one unit of Advance Placement, Honors, dual credit or distance education for graduation.

The basic requirements are as follows:

<b>Course Requirements:</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Distinction</b>
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Science*	4	4
New Mexico History	0.5	0.5
Government	0.5	0.5
US History	1	1
World History	1	1
Economics	0.5	0.5
Geography	0.5	0.5
Physical Education	1	1
Health (starts with class of 2017)	0.5	0.5
World Languages (WL)/Career Cluster/Workplace Readiness	1	2 WL in same WL
Technology Elective	0.5	0.5
Fine Arts Elective	0.5	0.5
Electives (7 credits w/o health credit)	6.5	7.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>

\*Must include Earth & Space/Conceptual Physics and two of the following: Biology, Chemistry, or Physics; and one additional science elective

## Alternative Method of Earning High School Credits

There are several non-traditional options to earning credits in High School.

### Distance Learning/ Online Courses/ Credit Recovery/ Correspondence Courses

Students must request prior approval from their counselor for distance learning course credit and complete an "Off Campus Course Agreement" form signed by the student, parent and counselor before enrolling in any off-campus course if the student expects the course to qualify for credit toward graduation. Rio Rancho Public Schools (RRPS) requires that the final exam be supervised by certified school personnel and be earned from an accredited school. The school reserves the right to evaluate a course before credit is given. Students may not take a correspondence or online course for Physical Education or a lab science (Biology, Chemistry or Physics). Online courses are available at Secondary Learning Center (SLC), at the Rio Rancho Cyber Academy. Credit Recovery Courses will be held off-site at the Secondary Learning Center. Transportation and all fees are the

responsibility of the student/parent to attend the courses. The high school must receive an official transcript for the course to meet graduation credit requirements.

### Dual Credit

Dual credit allows high school students to enroll in college courses offered by public postsecondary educational institutions. RRPS partners with CNM, University of New Mexico (UNM) Los Alamos, and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) to provide students the opportunity to earn college credit as well as elective credit towards graduation. Courses must be academic or career technical courses and must be agreed upon by the RRPS and the post-secondary institution in order to count toward a graduation requirement. These courses are offered either on or off campus. The tuition fee as well as the cost of textbooks is waived. Students must pay for course specific fees and for arranging transportation to the site of the dual credit course. Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be assigned appropriate credit and the student may request a transcript to receive HS elective credit. For more information on CNM's High School Programs, visit their webpage at <https://www.cnm.edu/depts/outreach/dual-credit/high-school-and-dual-credit-programs>. For more information on UNM's dual credit program, visit their webpage at <http://advisement.unm.edu/dual-credit/>.

State statute specifically indicates that credit will be assigned as follows:

3 - 4 credit hour post-secondary course = 1 RRPS elective credit

1 - 2 credit hour post-secondary course = 0.5 RRPS elective credit

### **High School Schedule**

Rio Rancho Public Schools follows a traditional schedule in which all class periods meet for the same amount of time each day of the week, with an early release time on Wednesday. RRPS high schools start at 7:20 am and end at 2:29 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The release time on Wednesday is 1:40 pm.

### **Rio Rancho Schools of Choice**

#### Cyber Academy

Rio Rancho Cyber Academy (RRCA) is a full-time, fully accredited high school and effective middle school environment. RRCA's curriculum is accepted by the NM PED. RRCA continues to be pro-active and collaborative to solve problems and be innovative in their planning and decision making. RRCA has been established as a credible learning environment with a rigorous curriculum that matches or exceeds that of the top comprehensive high schools in the district. RRCA has become a model Hybrid Distance Learning School known throughout the country. For more information, please visit <http://cyberacademy.rrps.net/>.

### **Home School Services**

You can enroll your home schooler in as little as one class a semester in the district or up to three classes, depending on your student's needs. Doing so does

not change your homeschooling status, but it does allow you the ability to take advantage of something the district offers free of charge and already funded by your tax dollars. Curricular materials are provided. Because this option is separate from normal district enrollment, your choice(s) can be onsite, where your student comes daily to a class or lab, or in some cases off-site through an online cyber option. Any subject, K-12, can be accessed through our home schooling outreach program. It might be a required core course like math, science, language arts or social studies, or an elective your student simply finds interesting and wants to explore with a certified and licensed teacher in that field. You spend a lot of time developing home schooling curricula to support your student's learning. While you are tailoring a program to meet your student's unique needs, think of us as another accessory in your educational closet!

This program is available to any currently home schooled, school-age student in New Mexico qualifies! You don't have to be a resident of Rio Rancho to take advantage of this opportunity. Under the New Mexico Open Enrollment Act, schools may allow inter-district and intra-district transfer options for all students "when there are sufficient accommodations to provide for them". Out of district parents will need to take an extra step of completing a transfer request form, and we would be happy to help you with that as well. It is our pleasure to roll out the welcome mat for you! For more information, visit [https://www.rrps.net/schools/home\\_school\\_services](https://www.rrps.net/schools/home_school_services).

### **Honors and Advanced Placement Programs**

The Honors/Advanced Placement curriculum offers a challenging program for all students. Courses are based on the College Board course description guidelines. These classes provide students with an emphasis on critical thinking skills, college preparatory experiences, and opportunities to take Advanced Placement examinations and possibly earn college credits. Students who choose these courses will be taking the most academically demanding courses the district offers. Students should receive career guidance and course planning assistance so they do not take more Honors/AP courses than they can comfortably handle.

### Weighted Grade Increment

To recognize student achievement, courses recognized by the College Board as Advanced Placement (AP) and courses designated as Honors by the district will be awarded a weighted grade increment.

## **Special Education**

The Rio Rancho Schools Special Services Department is responsible for all Special Education and federal programs in the district. They provide a wide range of services in a variety of settings. They have employed some of the most qualified professional in all service areas and enjoy seeing successful programs run at every school. Approximately 2,022 students, 12% of the total student body, currently receive special education services.

They provide services for children from 3 to 22 years of age, and address students' learning styles from a multi-modality approach. This means that services are integrated with emphasis on cooperative planning and intervention, coordination with curriculum, and collaboration with the parents. If you believe your child may have learning needs that require special education services, contact your child's teacher or other school staff. To find out more about RRPS's Special Services Department and for a variety of resources, visit [https://www.rrps.net/departments/special\\_services](https://www.rrps.net/departments/special_services).

## **S.A.F.E. (Students Achieving for Excellence) Before and After School Program:**

The Rio Rancho School District is fortunate to offer your child(ren) the Student's Achieving For Excellence (S.A.F.E.) Before and After School Program. Currently the program is offered at all ten elementary schools.

These programs include homework help, sports activities, special events, life skills, and guest speakers. Free snacks are provided daily.

For more information, please visit the S.A.F.E. program website at <https://sites.google.com/rrps.net/safe/home> visit the program at your child's school site or call the main office at (505) 896-0667 ext. 237.

## **Program Hours:**

**Early Bird** - 6:45 a.m. to start of school day

**Before School** - 7:00 a.m. to start of school day

**After School Program** - After school release to 6:00 p.m. (Wednesdays included)

## Rio Rancho Public Schools- School Listing

### Preschool (PK)

Shining Stars Preschool

### Elementary Schools (K-5)

Cielo Azul ES  
Colinas del Norte ES  
Enchanted Hills ES  
Ernest Stapleton ES  
Joe Harris ES  
Maggie Cordova ES  
Martin Luther King, Jr. ES  
Puesta del Sol ES  
Rio Rancho ES  
Sandia Vista ES  
Vista Grande ES

### Middle Schools (6-8)

Eagle Ridge MS  
Lincoln MS  
Mountain View MS  
Rio Rancho Cyber Academy  
Rio Rancho MS

### High Schools (9-12)

V. Sue Cleveland HS  
Independence HS  
Rio Rancho HS  
Rio Rancho Cyber Academy

### Magnet/Alternative Schools

Independence HS  
Rio Rancho Cyber Academy

**Cielo Azul ES**, 3804 Shiloh Rd NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144, (505) 338-2320, **Grades:** K-5, **website:** <https://cieloazul.rmps.net/>, Student enrollment: 752, Traditional calendar, Traditional school

**Colinas del Norte ES**, 1001 Night Sky Ave NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144, (505) 896-3378, **Grades:** K-5, **website:** <https://colinas.rmps.net/>, Student enrollment: 751, Traditional calendar, Traditional school

**Eagle Ridge MS**, 800 Fruta Rd NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) 892-6630, **Grades:** 6-8, **website:** <https://eagle.rmps.net/>, Student enrollment: 937, Traditional calendar, Traditional school

**Enchanted Hills ES**, 5400 Obregon Rd NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144, (505) 891-8526, **Grades:** K-5, **website:** <https://enchanted.rmps.net/>, Student enrollment: 767, Traditional calendar, Traditional school

**Ernest Stapleton ES**, 3100 Stapleton Ave NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) 891-8473, **Grades:** K-5, **website:** <https://stapleton.rmps.net/>, Student enrollment: 796, Traditional calendar, Traditional school

**Independence HS**, 421 Quantum Rd NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) 338-4658, **Grades:** 10-12, **website:** <https://independence.rmps.net/>, Student enrollment: 194, Traditional calendar, Alternative school

**Joe Harris ES (will open Fall 2020)**, 2100 10<sup>th</sup> St SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) TBD, **Grades:** K-5, **website:** <https://rams.aps.edu>, Student enrollment:

**Lincoln MS**, 2287 Lema Rd SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) 892-1100, **Grades:** 6-8, **website:** <https://lincoln.rmps.net/>, Student enrollment: 972, Traditional calendar, Traditional school

**Maggie Cordova ES**, 1500 Veranda Rd SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) 994-0229, Grades: K-5, website: <https://mcordova.rmps.net/>, Student enrollment: 849, Traditional calendar, Traditional school

**Martin Luther King, Jr. ES**, 1301 Nicklaus Dr SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) 892-2575, Grades: K-5, website: <https://martin.rmps.net/>, Student enrollment: 941, Traditional calendar, Traditional school

**Mountain View MS**, 4101 Montreal Loop NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144, (505) 867-0711, Grades: 6-8, website: <https://rams.aps.edu>, Student enrollment: 901, Traditional calendar, Traditional school

**Puesta del Sol ES**, 450 Southern Blvd SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) 994-3305, Grades: K-5, website: <https://puesta.rmps.net/>, Student enrollment: 732, Traditional calendar, Traditional school

Bilingual Program

**Rio Rancho Cyber Academy**, 1330 Jackie Rd SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) 892-7222, Grades: 6-12, website: <https://cyberacademy.rmps.net/>, Student enrollment: 151, Traditional calendar, Magnet school

**Rio Rancho ES**, 4601 Pepe Ortiz SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) 892-0220, Grades: K-5, website: <https://riorancho.rmps.net/>, Student enrollment: 625, Traditional calendar, Traditional school

**Rio Rancho HS**, 301 Loma Colorado Blvd NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144, (505) 896-5600, Grades: 9-12, website: <https://rioranchohigh.rmps.net/>, Student enrollment: 2,597, Traditional calendar, Traditional school

**Rio Rancho MS**, 1600 Loma Colorado Blvd NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144, (505) 891-5335, Grades: 6-8, website: <https://rams.aps.edu>, Student enrollment: 1179, Traditional calendar, Traditional school

**Sandia Vista ES**, 6800 Franklin Rd NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144, (505) 338-2526, Grades: K-5, website: <https://sandiavista.rmps.net/>, Student enrollment: 677, Traditional calendar, Traditional school

**Secondary Learning Center**, 1600 Loma Colorado, Rio Rancho, NM 87144, located on the south side of RRMS, (505) 896-6613, Grades: 9-12, website: [https://www.rmps.net/schools/secondary\\_learning\\_center](https://www.rmps.net/schools/secondary_learning_center), Student enrollment: , Traditional calendar, Alternative school

Secondary Learning Center offers full-time and part-time night school enrollment. They also offer credit recovery courses for \$150 per half credit (semester course).

**Shining Stars Preschool**, 4477 9<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124 (new campus under construction at 2100 Lionel St. NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144, (505) 892-7735, Grades: PK (3-4 year olds), website: <https://shiningstars.rtps.net/>, Student enrollment: 677, Traditional calendar, Traditional calendar, Preschool

**Vista Grande ES**, 7001 Chayote Rd NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144, (505) 771-2366, Grades: K-5, website: <https://vistagrande.rtps.net/>, Student enrollment: 680, Traditional calendar, Traditional school

**V. Sue Cleveland HS**, 4800 Cleveland Heights Rd NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144, (505) 938-0300, Grades: 9-12, website: <https://rams.aps.edu>, Student enrollment: 2,461, Traditional calendar, Traditional school